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(54) Title: ANTIZYME MODULATORS AND THEIR USE

(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to agmatine and polyamine analogs and their use as drugs, as well as agricultural or environmentally useful agents. As drugs, the analogs decrease cellular polyamine levels, possibly by inducing antizyme, and can be used to treat disorders of undesired cell proliferation, including cancer, viral infections and bacterial infections. The analogs may be utilized in pharmaceutical compositions either alone or in combination with other agents, particularly other inhibitors of polyamine synthesis or transport, but including other inhibitors of cell proliferation. The analogs are not necessarily metabolized to contribute to the polyamine pool and are designed to enter cells by pathways independent of polyamine transport. The invention further defines structural elements/motifs within these analogs that are key to their induction of antizyme.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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PCT/US 00/02972**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 26 and 27 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-27 partially
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210.
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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Claims Nos.: 1-27 partially

1. The wording "wherein said analog induces expression of full-length antizyme" renders the scope of present claims 1 to 24 unclear. Such an intended definition for a compound is to be regarded as a mere result to be achieved and not as a feature characterizing a compound. Due to this definition it is not clear neither from the claims nor from the description, if the application is directed to the compounds per se or to the use of the compounds for induction of expression of full-length antizyme.

It is further noticed that such a use (induction of expression of full-length antizyme) in itself is no clear medical use.

2. Present claims 1-9, 11-17, 19-22 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. In particular due to the unclear definition "analog" as well as to the unlimited definitions of the possible groups and substituents ("substituted alkyl, alkenyl, multi-ring substituted aliphatic" etc. a meaningful search is impossible.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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